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Good afternoon CAPT Ceraolo et al,

Please find the following situation summary of multi-agency actions for the R/V SPIRIT OF SACRAMENTO response.

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SITUATION - 15 September 2016

BLUF: Global Diving and Salvage commenced dive operations in preparation for crane operations this morning. Patriot Environmental Service will be hired to implement protective booming strategies in preparation for raising the vessel. Significant progress has been made between federal and state partners in determining the final disposition of the vessel. The Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund ceiling has been raised to \$1,500,000.00. The total cost to date is \$60,706.37.

At approximately 0025 local on 04 September 2016, Coast Guard Sector San Francisco received notification R/V SPIRIT OF SACRAMENTO was taking on water from the stern and that the engine room was actively flooding. The 87 foot vessel was in the vicinity of Franks Track near Bethel Island. Coast Guard Station Rio Vista responded and ensured the two persons on board made it safely ashore. Six hundred gallons of diesel fuel was reported on board. No sheen or active discharge was observed by Station Rio Vista. The vessel was reported to be partially submerged and anchored but was not deemed to be a hazard to navigation. The Sector San Francisco Incident Management Division (IMD) was unable to reach the owner and issued a Notice of Federal Interest (NOFI) via voice mail. Due to the time of the incident, safety concerns for response personnel and no available resources, the IMD duty team was not able to get on scene until later that morning. At 1030 local the vessel was capsized and upside down in the water; a small sheen was observed. The vessel owner was still unreachable. Due to the proximity of sensitive sites, the pollution potential and complexity of the response, the SPIRIT OF SACRAMENTO was determined to be a significant risk to the environment, and the FOSC authorized access to the Oil

Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF) for \$100,000. Global Diving and Salvage Inc. (Global) was hired to deploy boom and conduct pollution mitigation operations. There are no known impacts to wildlife or sensitive sites at this time. A safety zone is in place. The vessel's orientation has shifted from inverted to lying on its starboard side submerged. An estimated one gallon of oil was observed within the containment boom that was recovered using sorbent pads.

ACTIONS TAKEN -

1. Global commenced welding operations to reinforce the SPIRIT OF SACRAMENTO's hull with gussets to make the vessel more stable for raising. Global is also tunneling underneath the vessel using an air wand to get the chain around the hull that will be used in the raising process.
2. The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office and California Department of Fish and Wildlife OSPR boats along with USCG personnel are enforcing the safety zone at the site. Boating traffic has been minimal and responsive to safety zone enforcement.
3. A meeting was held between the USCG, California Department of Fish and Wildlife OSPR, USEPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers this afternoon to discuss the way forward with disposition of the vessel and identify a safe and stable location where all oil and hazardous substances are removed. The Port of Western Sacramento and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers facility in Sausalito were identified as possible locations. USEPA has given notional approval to support CERCLA funded removal of hazardous substances. The Unified Command is planning on reaching out to the Port of Sacramento as well as Cal Recycle and Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office to determine if they are able to support disposing the vessel at those locations. Final disposition of vessel pends further coordination via Contra Costa County and applicable State of California agencies.
4. Daily spot weather reports are being provided by the National Weather Service at 2000 each evening to assist with operational planning.
5. USCG SERT has reviewed Global Diving & Salvage's plan and provided input to Sector SF. Sector will work with Global to address SERT's comments.
6. The FOSC has approved raising the OSLTF authorization to \$1.5M.
7. See attached situation status briefing for 15 September 2016.

FUTURE PLANS -

1. Results of NOAA's bathymetric survey IVO the SPIRIT OF SACRAMENTO are scheduled to be published within the next few days.
2. Tactics and Planning Meetings for phase III operations are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday the week of 19 September 2016.
3. Patriot Environmental Services has been contracted to implement the "v" deflection booming strategy for protecting sensitive sites as well as deploy 3,000 feet of containment boom around the worksite in preparation for raising the vessel beginning next week.

MEDIA INTEREST

1. The most up to date press release went out yesterday and is available at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2882730/>.

2. A KCRA media helicopter conducted an overflight and an on-camera interview with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife OSPR PIO this morning.

3. ABC news inquired about covering the response, but was diverted for other breaking news.

Very respectfully,

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